

bread was frequently baked of bad meal—not all the time so. I have seen the bread sour—not often. The men complained of it being sour. They got a small pone of bread each meal, weighing about —. Sometimes the quantity of bread was sufficient, then again the quantity was not sufficient. I think the rations are better now than last summer. I think the rations are now sufficient except for supper, when they only get bread, the quality of the rations I now regard as good, they have been improved since about the first of November, ever since that time they have been sufficient as quantity and quality, there is still some complaint but I think it groundless. The clothing of part of them was inferior after the summer suits were worn out, and before they got their winter suits. Since they got their winter suits I think they are well clothed, having one suit of clothing each, they have a change of shirts now, by constant washing, a change of shirts can be made once a week, the supplies of shirts is constantly increasing daily from the stripes. They have each had one pair of winter socks (cotton,) each man is allowed a double blanket and single blanket. I saw some of the convicts last summer too thinly clad to be worked and were kept in their cells a short time, I never had any of my men locked up on account of want of clothing, I have seen the convicts with their shirts badly torn, also their pants badly torn, they were at work in this condition. Up to first of November, part of the prisoners were badly clothed, and occasionally I regarded the rations as short, probably two or three days in a week, sometimes they would be bad a week, then get better for two or three weeks, rations commenced improving when turnips came in, they gave them coffee at night when I first went there, but they don't do so now. I think it was rye coffee, no sugar in it.

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W. B. NORWOOD being duly sworn says :

Q. State your name, age, residence and position in Penitentiary ?